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1. Since January 1951, a Seepolizei sea rescue squad (Rettungs- und Bergungskommando) has been located at Sassnitz on the Island of Rügen. It is subordinate to the Seepolizei office in Sassnitz harbor and ultimately to the MVS in Berlin. Sassnitz is in communication with Berlin through Radio Rügen at Glowe. It is also connected by telephone with the Seepolizei school at Parow. The telephone number of this unit in Sassnitz is Dora 27.

2. The head of the squad is Kommandeur Karl Krüger [redacted]
The chief diver is Rat Frost (fnu) [redacted] The master diver is
Korn. Radtke (fnu) [redacted] The head of the personnel branch is 50X1-HUM
Hauptwachmeister Sagart (fnu) [redacted] The names of the other
officers of the squad are unknown. The unit has a complement of 62 men;
22 of these men operate the two vessels VON DER LUTHE and RINGER I. The
unit also has 3 automobiles and four trucks.

3. The diving boat VON DER LUFT was built in Germany in 1940-41. It has a length of 30 m, a beam of 6 m, a depth of 2.2 m and can be driven at a speed of eight sea miles per hour by its 250 hp Deutz engine. It has a BFT of 150. The vessel is equipped with seven diving suits and equipment for cutting above and below the surface of the water. It is also equipped with an EFT 100 w wireless transmitter. The crew of twelve men is under the command of Kom Zillich (Snu)

4. The rescue ship BERGER I was built in Germany in 1916 as a torpedo recovery vessel. It has a length of 21 m, a beam of 3.8 m, a depth of 1.2 m and can be driven at a speed of 12 sea miles per hour by its 80 hp Horch Diesel engine. It has a BRT of 94. It is equipped with a fire extinguisher with a capacity of 1,500 liters per minute, one diving suit, one salvage pump powered by a 38 hp Diesel engine, one wireless transmitter of 100 watts, one light machine-gun with 500 rounds, one machine pistol with 250 rounds, and one pistol with 100 rounds. The crew of ten men is commanded by Hauptwachmeister Dachner (fnu) [redacted] The boat was sent to Stralsund recently for the installation of a new motor. 50X1-HUM

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5. The crews of both these vessels have no clear idea of their duties. They have been told officially that their main duties are rescue and salvage work which includes the raising of sunken objects. Occasionally, this work may include the salvage of torpedoes. At present, their main activity is practice navigation in the vicinity of Rügen. They are also to check merchant vessels in the vicinity, especially those of [] registry. This is considered important since fishing cutters from North Sea ports are known to have run into Sassnitz to sell their catches and refuel. The activity of the two vessels mentioned above is not restricted to coast patrol and recovery duties, however. In May 1951, Zillich and the two engineers from the VON DER LUTTE and the BERGER I sailed from Sassnitz on the BERGER I to Parow where one of the engineers went ashore on a confidential mission. After this man returned to the BERGER I, the vessel made contact with a [] ship at sea and packages of pamphlets were loaded from the BERGER I onto the ship. In July 1951, the VON DER LUTTE was used for a similar mission.
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